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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Dora L. Irizarry  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *United States v. Bazzi*,  
23 Cr. 41 (DLI)

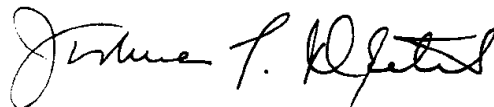
Dear Judge Irizarry:

This letter is submitted on behalf of James Roth, Esq., and I in response to the motion filed by the defendant, Mohammad Bazzi, to arrest judgment, withdraw his guilty plea, dismiss the Indictment, and invoke his right to *pro se* representation.

Mr. Roth and I respectfully join in Mr. Bazzi's motion to represent himself, and accordingly request that we be relieved and that Criminal Justice Act counsel be appointed as standby counsel for Mr. Bazzi. At this point, communications between counsel and Mr. Bazzi have deteriorated to the point at which counsel believe the relationship cannot be repaired.

Mr. Roth and I do not take any position with respect to Mr. Bazzi's other requests for relief in his motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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